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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN PRESS INTERVIEW GIVEN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE HIS RETURN TO BRASILIA FROM UNGA, SEPTEMBER 28, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON HIS VIEW OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO RE-DEFINE NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS, ON US PROPOSALS AT U.N., ON US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND ANNOUNCED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL VISIT LATIN AMERICA. END SUMMARY.

1. UPON HIS RETURN TO BRASILIA FROM NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 28, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA MADE SEVERAL COMMENTS TO THE PRESS ABOUT EVENTS AT THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN COMMENTING ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, SILVEIRA SAID THAT HE FELT THAT THE BRAZILIAN PROPOSALS AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION WERE BETTER UNDERSTOOD NOW. HE ALSO SAID THAT IN ALL HIS MEETINGS, INCLUDING THOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, HE HAD EMPHASIZED THAT THE DANGER

WAS NO LONGER AN EAST-WEST SPLIT BUT, RATHER A NORTH-SOUTH, RICH-POOR DIVISION. HE SAID THAT HE MADE IT CLEAR IN ALL HIS CONVERSATIONS THAT TRADE IS THE CENTRAL POINT OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS THAT MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN TO HELP RESOLVE THE CONFLICTS BETWEEN DC'S AND LDC'S EXPLAINING THAT SINCE "THE US IS ALSO ONE OF THE PRIME WORLD PRODUCERS OF RAW MATERIALS, AND THE US IS ALSO ALREADY DEVELOPED, IT IS EQUIPPED TO DEFEND ITS PRODUCTION AND TO GUARANTEE PRICES ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET. FOR THAT REASON, THE PROBLEM IS NOT RAW MATERIALS BUT THE DEFENSE OF THE PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BE THEY PRIMARY OR MANUFACTURED."

2. SILVEIRA CRITIZED THE US PROPOSALS IN THE UN AS "COSMETIC, IN VIEW OF THE GRAVITY OF THE PROBLEM" AND SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL NUCLEAR CENTERS DID NOT INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL OF THEM BE US-OWNED.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT HE ALSO WARNED THE SECRETARY THAT IN ITS CONTACTS WITH AFRICA (SILVEIRA DESCRIBED THE SECRETARY AS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES) THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO FOLLOW UP ON ITS PROMISES TO AVOID THE FRUSTRATION AND REVULSION THAT HAS BEEN CREATED IN LATIN AMERICA. SILVEIRA SAID HE TOLD KISSINGER "THAT THE ONLY RESULT OF HIS POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA, WITH THE INTERRUPTION OF THE NEW DIALOG BY THE TRADE ACT, WAS TO CREATE A VACUUM AND, AS A CONSEQUENCE, A JUST REACTION ON THE PART OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE CONTINENT."

4. SILVEIRA REPORTED THAT HE HAD MET WITH MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO, WHO HAD PROMISED HIM HE WOULD TAKE STEPS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL. DURING HIS CONTACTS IN NEW YORK WITH AFRICAN LEADERS, SILVEIRA ADDED, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC AND UPPER VOLTA ALSO INDICATED INTEREST IN FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

5. IN HIS ARRIVAL CHAT, SILVEIRA ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL COME TO LATIN AMERICA, PROBABLY BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND JANUARY. HE AVOIDED GIVING ANY SPECIFIC DATE SAYING THAT THIS ONLY CREATED FRUSTATION WHEN THE VISIT WAS DELAYED FOR UNFORESEEN REASONS. (NOTE: IN CONNECTION UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH SECRETARY'S VISIT, OTHER PRESS REPORTS OF THE SAME DAY ANNOUNCED THAT GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER HANS-DIETRICH GENSHER WILL VISIT BRAZIL BETWEEN NOVEMBER 18 AND 22.) JOHNSON

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